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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/315,399	Applicant(s) EDDY ET AL	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:
2. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: "comprising;" in line 3 should be changed to "comprising:", "said databus" in line 5 should be changed to "a network databus", "first modules" in line 11 should be changed to "first module", "second modules" in lines 17, 18 should be changed to "second module". Appropriate correction is required.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a network architecture supporting periodic and a periodic transmission of data comprising:

a master timing NIC configured to receive request for aperiodic data transmissions from one or more of plurality of network devices;

priority table for storing a predetermined set of priorities assigned to requests for aperiodic data, the table accessible by the master NIC; and

a transceiver means coupled to the master NIC and providing a signal pathway between the master NIC and the network databus, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claim 1.

Regarding claim 16, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a network for transmitting data between modules in a communications system, wherein the data comprised periodic data and aperiodic data, the network comprising:

a master network interface controller comprises a data transmission prioritization table, wherein the table comprises priority information regarding the aperiodic data, and

the priority information comprises data block size and type of data, wherein the type of data comprises isochronous and asynchronous data, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claim 16.

Regarding claim 22, Regarding claim 16, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for transmitting data between modules in a communications system, wherein the data comprised periodic data and aperiodic data, the network comprising:

transmitting the status message to each of a NIC modules; and

storing indicator in a priority table as to what requests were assigned bandwidth on a network databus for transmission of aperiodic data and order of transmission, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claim 16.

Conclusion

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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Patent Examiner

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